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1. (original) An electric hair trimming device comprising:  
a set of cutting blades for trimming hair, and  
an ion generator configured to direct a flow of ions toward the cutting blades during use.
2. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the ions are generated between positive and negative electrodes and further wherein the positive electrode is a pointed electrode and the negative electrode is an annular electrode array comprising a central opening coaxial with the associated positive electrode.
3. (original) The device of claim 2, wherein the negative electrodes comprise a smooth continuous surface.
4. (original) The device of claim 3, wherein the negative electrode array is formed from a single sheet of metal by extrusion or punching.
5. (original) An electric hair trimming device comprising:  
a housing;  
cutting blades configured for trimming hair;  
an ion generator comprising positive and negative electrodes contained within the housing; and  
an opening in the housing adjacent the electrodes of the ion generator;  
wherein the ion generator is configured to direct a stream of negative ions toward the hair being trimmed during use.

6. (original) The device of claim 5, wherein the positive electrode is a pointed electrode and the negative electrode is an annular electrode array comprising a central opening coaxial with the associated positive electrode.

7. (original) The device of claim 6, wherein the negative electrode array is formed from a single sheet of metal by extrusion or punching.

8. (original) An electric hair trimming device comprising:

a housing;

cutting blades attached to the housing and configured for trimming hair; and

an ion generator comprising positive and negative electrodes contained within the housing and configured to direct a stream of negative ions toward the cutting blades during use;

wherein the positive electrode is a pointed electrode and the negative electrode is an annular electrode array comprising a central opening coaxial with the associated positive electrode;

wherein the negative electrode array is formed from a single sheet of metal by extrusion or punching; and

further wherein the housing provides an opening adjacent the electrodes of the ion generator effective to allow the stream of ions generated within the housing to flow toward the hair being trimmed during use.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) An improved hair clipping device comprising a motor, a set of cutting blades for trimming hair, a power cord, a switch and an indicating light, all housed within an elongated housing, wherein the improvement comprises an electrostatic ion generator

contained within the housing and configured to direct negative ions through an opening provided in the housing and onto hair being clipped during use.

11. (original) The improved device of claim 10, wherein the electrostatic ion generator comprises a positive electrode and a negative electrode, and further wherein the positive electrode is a pointed electrode and the negative electrode is an annular electrode array comprising a central opening coaxial with the associated positive electrode.

12. (original) The device of claim 11, wherein the negative electrode is formed from a single sheet of metal by extrusion or punching and comprises a smooth continuous surface.